

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
) Conf. #: 3739
Gang BAO et al.)
) Art Unit: 1618
Serial No.: 10/694,243)
) Examiner: Dameron Levest Jones
Filed: October 27, 2003)
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For: MULTIFUNCTIONAL MAGNETIC)
NANOPARTICLE PROBES FOR)
INTRACELLULAR MOLECULAR IMAGING)
AND MONITORING)

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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 Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

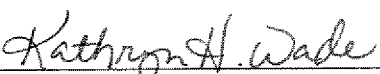
Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2008, please amend the application as follows, and reconsider the application in view of the following remarks.

It is not believed that any extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required. However, if any extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-5029 (Ref. No. 17625-0058).

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being submitted electronically, addressed to: Mail Stop: Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on April 17, 2008.


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